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## BE CHEERFUL

Remove therefore sadness from thyself . . . For the spirit of the Lord . . . endureth no such sadness.

Wherefore clothe thyself with cheerfulness, which has always favor with the Lord, and thou shalt rejoice in it. For every cheerful man does well; and relishes those things that are good, and despises sadness.

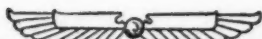
But the sad man does always wickedly. . . . he prays with sadness unto the Lord, and maketh not first a thankful acknowledgment unto him of former mercies, and obtains not of God what he asks.

For the prayer of a sad man has not always efficacy to come up to the altar of God. . . .

Wherefore cleanse thyself from sadness, which is evil, and thou shalt live unto God.—*Selected from the Apocrypha.*







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God lives in me.

His vision of perfect man fills my eyes;  
The sound of his harmony greets my ears;  
His holy love stirs love within my heart;  
God lives in me.

I live in God.

Through his eyes I see man in perfection;  
Through his ears comes the music of man's  
voice;  
Through his heart, I feel love and compassion;  
I live in God.

I am one with God.

His vision is but my own clear, perfect  
vision;  
His hearing, my ear tuned to harmony;  
His love, the holy love of my own heart;  
I am one with God.

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## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Word for Today: *Through prayer I am spiritually identified with God and I know myself as spirit.*

Spirituality . . . is that consciousness which relates man directly to the Father mind. It is quickened . . . through prayer.—*Christian Healing.*

Prayer (realization of his relation to God) causes man to behold his spiritual nature. Such a realization causes one to see himself as he exists in the absolute consciousness of the Father.

Some forms of prayer cause men to prostrate themselves before an unknown god, and men thereby fail to reach the consciousness that they are, in Truth, erect in the supreme manhood of God.

Men often fail to understand the truth about themselves because they are given too much to the contemplation of what they are not. In their prayers they view themselves adversely and negatively.

One may be assured that he has learned to pray if, in his prayers, he is able to gain a vision of his spiritual supremacy. He should reach the consciousness in which he beholds himself at one with God.

To the Truth student, prayer is not a process of beseeching or imploring. The Truth student seeks to raise himself to the consciousness of the One whom men beseech and implore.

Through prayer, man awakens to unity with God.  
"Every creature of God . . . is sanctified through the word of God and prayer."

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**Word for Today:** *Lifting my vision to the higher consciousness of God in me, I am exalted and glorified.*

When we pray we look up from within, not because God is off in the sky, but because this spiritual center in the top of the head becomes active, and our attention is naturally drawn to it.—*Christian Healing.*

The custom of lifting the eyes in prayer is based upon the inclination of one to lift his vision to the higher mental and spiritual forces. In the upper part of the head is found the center of veneration, the part of the mentality given to prayer and reverence.

The lifting of the physical eyes has its counterpart in the lifting of the inner eyes. In prayer one seeks to look with inner vision to the high peak in consciousness from which emanates spiritual light.

The high vision raises the tone of one's realization. Mental scientists say that the rate of vibration is increased.

The lifting of one's inner vision to the higher consciousness of God within causes this consciousness to flow back over the visional path and to establish itself as perfect manifestation. That which has been perceived in consciousness is expressed in mind and body.

When by praying the individual develops the power to look up, he also has the assurance of being lifted up.

"Lift up your eyes on high."



## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

*Word for Today: In the name of Jesus Christ I am unified with all of God in me.*

When we pray in his [Jesus'] name, we enter into his unity with the Father, and attain the same consciousness.—*Christian Healing.*

To pray in the name of Jesus Christ is to enter into the same consciousness that Jesus had when he manifested Christhood. To pray in this name is to pray in a way characteristic of Jesus and with his power and authority. We are the proxies of Jesus, using his name as the word which carries with it authority and dominion.

By using the name rightly one may identify himself with the fullness of God within. He can relate himself to all that God is and he can manifest God perfectly and completely.

When you use today's affirmation, clear from your consciousness all belief that any other so-called power or authority can operate in your consciousness. You cannot believe that sin, adversity, and disease can have power, and at the same time have faith in the power and authority of Jesus' name.

Through the name of Jesus and through the consciousness of Christ, man makes unity with God. He takes the same steps that Jesus took and in the same way comes to the Father.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

*Word for Today: As the son of God, I enjoy his bountiful blessings. In faith and confidence I see my good manifest.*

If we pray thinking that we do not deserve the things for which we ask, these untrue and indefinite thoughts carry themselves out, and we grow to look upon prayer with doubt and suspicion.—*Christian Healing.*

Before you can claim God's blessings you must feel that you are entitled to them. You must feel that through your divine sonship you inherit all that God has. You must be so filled with his faith and confidence that you do not question or doubt the answer to your prayer.

As the son of God, you inherit all that is the Father's. You partake of this inheritance according to your consciousness of possession. Every thought of unworthiness or doubt but serves to prevent your laying hold of that which is spiritually yours.

Your definite thought in prayer serves to help you bring about definite results. Your clear vision of the coming of good to you invites and prepares the way for its manifestation.

In his prayer Jesus did not question or doubt the answer. He knew that as the Son of the Father he was entitled to all of God's bounty. He firmly held to this realization.

"Giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritances of the saints."

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Word for Today: *Persistently holding to the truth of my being, I bring my limitless good into manifestation.*

We should therefore never be discouraged, but like Elijah, we should persist until our prayers are answered.—*Christian Healing.*

Results from prayer shall be the reward of our persistence. Our courage to stand still and hold fast when discouragement and opposition appear will be rewarded by the appearance of that which we would bring forth by prayer.

Persistence has a definite place in prayer. Very often one lets go just when he should be most faithful. Sometimes a little more persistence would turn the tables and revolutionize conditions.

Nothing but persistent holding to the truth can bring you good. When one lessens his persistence he shows inability to remain loyal and faithful to the truth. He shows, in a measure, doubt and lack of confidence in the truth; otherwise he would know that there was no step to take but that of persistently and constantly holding to truth.

The best healers are those who know the truth and stick to it. In the face of disease and poverty they can still realize the truth and finally be rewarded by seeing health and plenty appear.

"Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish" (A. V.).

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Word for Today: *All my thought is given to knowing God.*

Each soul must sooner or later learn to stand alone with its God; nothing else avails.—*Lessons in Truth.*

The Truth student finds that nothing has value except knowledge of God and ability to see things from the spiritual standpoint. Everything else pales into insignificance before these.

Until one takes the stand that he is willing to give all his thought and substance in the search for Truth, he will not be successful in finding it. Where the thought is divided, the results are unsatisfactory.

Paul showed his one-pointedness, his willingness to concentrate all his forces to one purpose, when he said: "But one thing *I do*, forgetting the things which are behind, . . . I press on." He showed his ability to put behind him the things of the old life and to follow the vision ahead. He showed his ability to give himself entirely to whatever he undertook.

When one consecrates himself to God, he gives all his thought to looking Godward.

In all that we do, we should be concentrated. The purpose and aim of our work should be so high that we feel we can be "one-pointed" and give ourselves to the work, knowing that we are serving God and serving man.

"I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus."

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Word for Today: *The Spirit of wisdom guides and directs me into the work which I am to do.*

Your greatest work will be done in your own God-appointed channel.—*Lessons in Truth.*

Much dissatisfaction and confusion come from one's not knowing just what to do in life. Many men do not find themselves and, therefore, do not find their right places. They need to estimate themselves rightly. They must discover and develop their talents. Each one has his God-given gifts and he should make use of them.

We hear much nowadays about square pegs' being in round holes—men's being in positions for which they are unsuited. This condition would not obtain if men would look to Spirit within instead of trying to do some work which pays well, regardless of their fitness for it.

The Spirit of God has given each one a special work to do, a definite part in the universal plan. When each one finds his right place we all shall fit together in our work just as harmoniously as the various parts of a watch fit together.

You are responsible for the work that you should do. If your work is not properly done, inharmony exists in the great scheme of work and service.

"The works which the Father hath given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of me."

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**Word for Today:** *By my serving others, my higher powers increase and develop.*

Unless you use for the service of others what God has already given you, you will find it a long, weary road to spiritual understanding.—*Lessons in Truth.*

Losing sight of our own personal feelings, we give ourselves to helping and serving others. We find ourselves in a new life, on a higher plane. Some students do not develop spiritually because they are too much given to introspection and to thinking of themselves. The solution is to lose sight of self in service for others.

Jesus is typical of man who increases and develops by losing sight of the personal and by giving thought to service. Many a business man has been so engrossed in serving humanity that he has lived an unselfish life and has been able to build up a large business because of these characteristics.

Many organizations today are preaching the message of unselfish service. The Rotarians have accomplished much in this line. Those who serve unselfishly serve in the name of the Master; serving man, they serve God.

As one increases and develops, he but increases and develops for the purpose of giving more service; he grows as he grows in consciousness.

"He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Word for Today: *Through my expanding consciousness of success I enlarge and prosper my work.*

If you will let divine Spirit possess you wholly . . . you will be quickly moved by it out of your present narrow limitations, which a half-success always indicates.—*Lessons in Truth.*

In all true work man is seeking God because he is seeking that spiritual satisfaction which comes as a result of one's expressing God fully. God seeks to express himself in man and to stir man to fullest consciousness of expression and service.

As man's consciousness expands, so he expands and enlarges his work, which is his means of putting his consciousness into activity. In the same way, we may say that a large and useful work is inspired by a consciousness of the same character.

The secret of enlarging one's work lies in enlarging one's vision of it, seeing one's work from a wider range of vision. Those who are content with doing a small work have seen their mission through but half-opened eyes.

Many persons who want more prosperity would do well to seek to enlarge their sphere of usefulness. They need to see that their compensation is commensurate with their ability to accomplish and to produce.

"In every work that he began in the service of the house of God . . . to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered."

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Word for Today: *I am that through which God works and performs.*

Whatever we do heartily and sincerely in the name of Christ, or the I AM, carries with it the power of the I AM to accomplish—a power from a higher source.—*Miscellaneous Writings.*

One's meditating upon the I AM identifies one with God. It causes one to see his relation to God and to feel God working in him. It causes him to lose sight of himself and to feel his godlikeness instead.

When we work knowing that it is the I AM within which works, we remove personality and failure from consciousness and establish ourselves in Spirit. We need to get ourselves out of the way and thereby remove personal effort and selfish ambitions.

When we are conscious of the working power of the I AM we are conscious of God at work in us; we realize personal insufficiency and know the all-powerfulness of the higher forces within. All great men have done their work from this standpoint. They have been great because they could greatly lose sight of self and realize the potency of I AM.

Jesus often referred to that which worked within him. He sought to work from the consciousness of the I AM. He did his mighty work through letting the impersonal power of God work through him.

When you feel unable to work without help, realize the sustaining power of the I AM.

"I will direct their work in truth" (A. V.).



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Word for Today: *In quietness and in confidence I lay hold of my innate power to do all things.*

We have been learning how to do the outworking, but have now come up to a point where we must learn more of how to place ourselves in an attitude where we can . . . be conscious of the divine inner working.—*Lessons in Truth.*

Some of us are so busy working out our problems that we neglect to connect with the inner working power and to let it work for us. Men who depend too much upon their own efforts plunge ahead into fatigue and failure. They need quietly and confidently to relax from personal endeavor and to lay hold of that innate power which never tires or fails.

The higher power works better through man when he is relaxed; in fact, man can make but a weak connection with the deeper forces when he is tense and working from the personal basis.

Men with small physical strength have been known to perform great feats of strength and endurance when fired by the inner forces. Men, in time of need and distress, have turned to the Spirit of God and have been answered with the strength of omnipotence. Runners have found that the second wind relieves them of all exhaustion and fear of defeat.

Strain, tension, and resistance have no hold upon one who lets Spirit work in and through him.

"Come unto me, all ye that labor."

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Word for Today: *My business is God's business and he manages and prospers all my affairs.*

It is our business to keep the outlet open, and God's business to keep the stream flowing in and through us.—*Lessons in Truth.*

Take God as your senior partner and you will find that your business is in the hands of one who knows what to do at all times. Rely upon the Spirit of wisdom and you will wisely conduct all your affairs. Look to God and your prosperity will increase.

Just how are you to do all this? Know that within you is the Spirit that at all times knows what to do; that knows the solution of every question; that knows just what step you should take. This higher power in you is God—not God away from or apart from you, but dwelling right in you.

When you take God as your partner you arouse yourself to rely upon that in you which cannot fail; you lift your consciousness to the higher self in you which can do all things.

Men like Nash, the Cincinnati clothing manufacturer, who give up trying to build up personal fortunes and who become inspired by spiritual forces to put their business upon a spiritual basis, do so because they recognize that all business is God's business. They see industry and commerce freed from personal ambition and ruled by the Spirit of God.

"It is God who worketh in you."

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Word for Today: *I am free from the beliefs and opinions of others. I am loyal to Truth for Truth's sake.*

The disciples of Jesus Christ were from the ranks of the common people . . . The aristocracy and the organized church opposed them at every turn.—*Christian Healing.*

Accept Truth for what it is, regardless of what other people think. Do not let ecclesiastics or statesmen decide for you what your religion should be.

When Paul and Silas were at Jason's house, the neighbors denounced these disciples as working contrary to the law of Cæsar. These people sought to oppose the work of the disciples by spreading the report that this new religion interfered with the decrees of state.

Many people today would oppose Christian healing in the same way. In order to be obedient to Cæsarian laws they would deprive of spiritual ministrations those who need spiritual help.

The International Sunday School lesson of today makes a sharp contrast between those who hold to manmade laws and those who practice Christianity. The lesson makes us desire freedom from the laws and opinions of others.

One gains his point in matters of this kind by knowing the truth so persistently that all opposition vanishes before it.

"These all act contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is another king, *one Jesus.*"

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

*Word for Today: I do not believe in separation from God—my good. I am consciously unified with God here and now.*

The only walls of separation are those built by consciousness of separation.—*Christian Healing.*

Man's relation to God is according to his consciousness. If he believes in separation, he holds himself apart from God. His thought of separation causes him to exist in a sense of separation. His way out is to change his consciousness to truth—the eternal fact that man is never separate from God but is eternally unified with him.

Nothing has power to separate man from his good; no external influence has power to isolate him from his divine inheritance. Man alone decides in consciousness what his relation to God is to be.

Truth breaks down all walls of separation and all beliefs in divisions. Truth causes one to recognize unity—unity of man and man, unity of man and God. Man finds that he has always been unified with God and all that God is.

The sense of separation, then, comes from lack of understanding. The feeling of lonesomeness and exclusion comes from belief in separation. Man accepts the race suggestion that he can live to himself and, in a measure, he cuts off the flow of life and love which normally circulates through his consciousness.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
... in all these things we are more than conquerors."

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Word for Today: *Not through will but through Spirit am I unified with God within.*

The *I Will* gets so absorbed in its realm of expression that it loses sight of the ideal . . . This breaks the connection between Spirit and manifestation, and man loses that consciousness which is his under divine law.—*Christian Healing*.

The will often becomes so active that the whole attention is directed to external things and to the business of working in an external way. This activity causes man to direct his thought without and causes him to be led away from his spiritual center.

The will must always be held in check by being kept unified with Spirit. One whose will is balanced by higher mentality will not try to force conditions by the exercise of will power. He will not be found working through will to the exclusion of Spirit.

The exercise of all mental forces should ultimately result in lifting the mentality to God. Whether man is working in the manifest or working through meditation, all that he does should point the way to his higher nature.

The will, through unwise use, causes man to separate himself in consciousness from God; through right use it causes man consciously to exercise his will in right relation to God. Through the will of his spiritual consciousness he exercises the will of God.

"The world passeth away . . . but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**Word for Today:** *Turning from things external, I am unified with my innate divine power.*

In using the privilege of our inheritance—the power to make ideas visible as things—we have created a realm that separates us in consciousness from the Father mind.—*Christian Healing.*

Man's power to contact the visible and manifest often directs him away from unity with the inner power. He gets so interested in forming things in the external that he loses sight of the true creative power of the within.

The true world is not that of the visible; it is the inner world—that which man beholds through his superconsciousness. It is a world of perfection.

The external world is, in a measure, but a counterfeit of the world of divine ideas. Man's part is to keep so in touch with the inner realm that he can manifest in the outer according to the perfect pattern of the within.

The musician draws his music from within. While he is performing, his thought is unified with inner harmony; he lives in a realm apart from the visible. The harmonious sound that he produces marks his contact with the visible world.

The great executive does not have his thought on things as they appear. His attention is given to what he has in mind and to giving this expression.

"My kingdom is not of this world."

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Word for Today: *My perfect willingness to coöperate with Spirit identifies me with the highest and best.*

In claiming your unity with Spirit, you must be willing to conform to the conditions of Spirit.—*Christian Healing.*

To identify oneself with Spirit, one should be ready to coöperate with it in every way. To become unified with Spirit the individual must make a definite step. The individual must give up all thought and all habit which Spirit has shown him to be not conducive to the spiritual life. He can make no mental reservations in this.

He must be willing to give himself whole-heartedly to Spirit. He must remove from consciousness all belief in separation. He must pass over from consciousness of the mortal into consciousness of the spiritual. The Spirit of God is closely identified with the spirit of service. If you would serve more you must identify yourself more closely with Spirit. You must be willing to put aside everything, if need be, in order to unify yourself more firmly with Spirit. Those who work with the spirit of service, in return find that Spirit has compensated them with a bounty of good things.

Willingness to work with Spirit brings to one a sure reward.

"These are they who make separations . . . having not the Spirit."

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Word for Today: *In the name of Jesus Christ I am now at one with the consciousness of God.*

We ask "in his name" when we pray in the Jesus consciousness of universal Spirit.—*Christian Healing.*

Jesus always sought to identify himself with the highest. What he has done, we can do. Working in his name, we work with his authority and with his power. He has left us his name as a passport to the inner kingdom.

Praying in the name of Jesus Christ causes us to make union with the God consciousness within. It causes us to merge into the reality of ourselves. It makes us identify ourselves with that which is eternal and true.

Through right thought we make unity with the mind of God, the higher intelligence within. Through right thought we become conscious of our eternal unity with God.

Jesus' great work was to help men to identify themselves with God. Besides the great mass of humanity which has been Christianized through Jesus' teachings, there is also a great class that has not accepted Christianity but through the study of Jesus' works has been led to live more nobly. So the works of a great man go on, always bringing fruit in some measure.

"Whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus."



## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Word for Today: *Unified with God and with all men, I behold the oneness of all life in the universe.*

To separate oneself from the Whole and then attempt to find out the great mystery, is like dissecting inanimate flesh to find the sources of life.  
—*Christian Healing.*

Our week's lessons on unity bring us to see the great universal unity of all things based upon God. We see that all that is good and true is based upon the eternal unity of God and man. Nothing can obliterate this union or cause it to be less than an eternal truth. Man studies Truth for the purpose of consciously linking himself with God. His salvation from the woes of the flesh comes through his making union with God.

It is the Truth student's duty to help mankind out of the petty differences which have sprung up. These little differences comprise all that tends to separate men from each other. Cliques, factions, and groups which busy themselves in magnifying distinctions and differences have no place in the great universal oneness.

One cannot isolate himself from humanity and expect to grow. He must be able to find himself and to find God within while he is in the thickest of struggling humanity.

"When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away."

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Word for Today: *I stand fearlessly and unselfishly for the plain and complete Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

The church of Jesus Christ still waits for a ministry that will represent it as it is . . . This church exists, and must be set up in its rightful place—the minds and hearts of men.—*Christian Healing.*

Paul brought to the Thessalonians' attention his allegiance to the Gospel. He did not aim to please men; often he taught that which did not please them but would ultimately bring them happiness.

Many people would like to have the joy which consecration brings but they do not want to make the effort and the sacrifice necessary to its attainment. Many ministers feel that they are not permitted to preach the full Gospel. Some who are students and supporters of practical Christianity think that their congregations are not ready for Truth and, consequently, that they have to give it in small doses.

The true church is found in the consciousness of man. The Spirit within is the teacher. In the stillness of the silence we are taught the lessons of Spirit; we learn the great unrevealed truths of the universe.

Always be found ready to give forth the Truth when the opportunity comes.

"We have been approved of God to be intrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God who proveth our hearts."

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Word for Today: *My spiritual consciousness (my church) is established upon Truth's solid foundation.*

This revelation of Truth direct from the Spirit, is the rock upon which the one and only church of Jesus Christ is built.—*Christian Healing.*

Spiritual truth, in order to be permanent and enduring, must be founded upon eternal truth. Christian people establish their religion upon Jesus Christ, the rock of their salvation. To them he personifies Truth.

To establish one's consciousness upon the rock of Truth is to assure oneself that all that he thinks and does is in line with the highest principles of Truth. Basing one's thought upon higher Truth assures one that all that he does is in keeping with the eternal truths of God.

Spiritual consciousness is the church, primarily. The individual must first worship within and there make union with his indwelling Spirit. The church which men set up in the outer is but a counterpart of what they have glimpsed within. When men catch the vision of the perfect church, then the outer organization and structure will be brought into harmony with the perfect pattern.

When the individual develops his spiritual consciousness he but develops his sense of worship.

"Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone."

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Word for Today: *Christ is the head of my church. His authority is my authority.*

That the one and only true church of Christ is without authority or head on earth, is evident from the accepted words of Jesus himself.—*Christian Healing.*

The church that man sets up in the visible world is the counterpart of his consciousness of spiritual things. If one realizes his own spiritual authority and dominion, likewise he sees the spiritual authority of the true church. If he has not grown to know spiritual authority as the head of his consciousness, he gives the authority of his church to one other than Spirit.

The doctrine of Christ is not in keeping with hierarchal and ecclesiastical systems. Man needs no middleman to make spiritual contact for him.

With Christ at the head of one's consciousness (or church), one can make no blunders or mistakes. When many men realize the leadership of Christ they will come together under such a spiritual leader. The purpose of the practical Christianity movement is to establish in the outer that which has been perceived in the ideal.

Church organization should be very simple and democratic. It should be but an orderly arrangement to further the working of Spirit.

Those who are consecrated to the Master's service find plenty to do in helping to establish the church and to further the Master's work.

"Christ also is the head of the church."

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Word for Today: *The Spirit within me is the source of my inspiration and wisdom.*

Jesus saw the tendency among men to make idols of the Scriptures . . . instead of a command to "search the scriptures," Jesus reprimanded the Pharisees.—*Christian Healing.*

Man should look to Spirit within for his wisdom and authority. Those who have not found Spirit, look to ecclesiastical dogmas and to the Scriptures for their guide. The Scriptures are but a record of man's experiences in overcoming, a visible record of the inner working of Spirit.

One should prove things by his indwelling Spirit, not by some book, regardless of how much it is enshrined in sacredness. He should look within for light and life, and not expect to find it in some holy writing.

It is said that one can prove all things by the Bible but cannot prove all things by Spirit. Spirit does not know two sides to a question; it knows only the right, the true way.

The Scriptures serve to point one to his indwelling Christ. Many people seem not to get past the place where they read the signpost. They need to go obediently in the direction indicated.

Prove the truth of the Scriptures by knowing the Truth within your own heart.

"Ye search the scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life . . . and ye will not come to me, that ye may have life."

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Word for Today: *I grasp the spirit of the teachings of Truth.*

What is called Christianity is a combination of paganism, Israelitism, and the letter of Jesus' doctrine without the spirit. . . . It is not the doctrine of Jesus Christ.—*Christian Healing.*

Living by the letter of the law is abiding by the cold intellectual concept of it. Those who have not grasped the spirit and vitality of the teachings simply live by the letter.

George Burnell says: "The spirit of truth is the meaning, the significance of truth." When one catches the significance of truth he has caught its spirit. He does not blindly submit to the letter; he lives the truth because, to him, the truth is all in all.

The true church must be based upon the spirit of truth, not just its letter. The church without the vitality of the spirit is like the consciousness without Spirit—purely intellectual.

When Jesus came to give Christianity to the world, he did not come for the purpose of introducing a new religious creed. He sought to give men something by which to live. He brought them something vital and alive. He gave them Truth!

Form the good habit of living what little of Truth you know. Put into practice more of Truth and cease studying and thinking so intensely.

"We serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Word for Today: *Christ has abolished death. I am alive in the life of Christ.*

He has looked upon his religion as having to do with the salvation of his soul—a sort of school in which he is coached in catechism and creed, that he may be prepared to go to a place called “heaven,” after death.—*Christian Healing*.

Man has looked upon religion as a sort of preparatory school for life after death. No doubt, many persons would live longer if, in their religious lives, they did not study and anticipate death. Their vision is on heaven far away. They neglect to live now in order to go to a place that they have visualized as more heavenly than right where they are. We may say that they have a sort of religious wanderlust.

These people are not overcomers. They are but swept along by the current of negative thought—lack of understanding. They are mesmerized by a theology not based upon spiritual truth. Men who do not grasp the truth of life set up a religious doctrine eulogizing death. Other men who do not grasp the truth become their followers and the teaching becomes a religion.

Jesus sought to counteract the belief in death by teaching the truth about life here and now.

“The appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light.”

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Word for Today: *The truths of Jesus Christ are demonstrable here and now, and I rejoice to practice and apply them.*

The church of Jesus Christ has to do with the world right here and now . . . it is an organic principle in nature working along definite lines of growth in the building up of a state of consciousness for the whole human race.—*Christian Healing.*

The teachings of Jesus Christ are for present day application. They do not pertain to a day that is past or to a time that is to come. They are demonstrable at any place and are not confined to the past. They can be applied by any man, whether he be apostle or mechanic.

The teachings of the spiritual church are founded upon spiritual principles; they have a universal application. They meet everyday needs and twentieth century emergencies.

Think of the Christ teachings as philosophic and scientific, as accurate and dependable. Truth is not a Sunday or a holiday religion. It is a system of principles which work with mathematical precision and accuracy.

Many students of Unity Daily Word and other Unity publications write us attesting to what they have accomplished through using Truth.

Truth lifts men out of disease, negation, and lack.

"Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God."



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Word for Today: *Through spiritual vision and faith I see my highest good brought into visibility.*

It is when faith is exercised deep in spiritual consciousness that it finds its right place.—*Christian Healing.*

Higher vision and faith give one the power to look past the seeming and the lack and to see the truth, to see his good coming forth from the void.

Blind faith shows an attempt to exercise faith without vision. Healing based upon blind faith is only temporary. One so healed has not opened his spiritual eyes and has not beheld the truth of his perfection.

Faith healing is often unsatisfactory for this reason: There is an utter dependence upon the faith and the understanding of the healer. The healing brought about through the practice of Truth gives the individual spiritual understanding and perception of what he is in Truth—whole and perfect.

The study of Truth tends to give one the right concept of what he is in reality. The exercise of illumined faith causes this picture to come right into visibility. It is as if one called forth from the darkness of his consciousness the ideal picture of himself and then, as it appeared, discovered that he was in reality the perfect one beheld.

"Jesus Christ: whom not having seen ye love; on whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing."

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Word for Today: *The Spirit of Christ in me is my infinite power.*

Spirit is the seat of power; its abode is on the invisible side of man's nature.—*Christian Healing.*

Man's power has been attributed to many things. Those who do not grasp Truth think that power comes from the external. The Truth student sees that his power emanates from within, from the Spirit of Christ.

Jesus attributed his power to the Father, the divine spark of power within him which made him able to do all things. He pointed men to the same power within themselves. He pointed them to their God-given power and authority.

Power primarily comes from consciousness of power. It is mental and spiritual before manifested in the physical and visible.

Those who feel that they lack power should see that they do not give power to that which does not have it. They should see that the real power is never exhausted and never absent. They need to turn from the belief that external things have power. They need to see that within them is all the power there really is.

Infinite power reigns within. It is given expression by one's consciously laying hold of it. Through consciousness, one taps the great inner fountain of power.

"Christ . . . is powerful in you . . . yet he liveth through the power of God."

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**Word for Today:** *God gives me unlimited power to accomplish all that I undertake in his name.*

God gives to his image the power to express all that he is.—*Christian Healing.*

Inheriting divine power, man has the very power of God, and has the ability to do all things in the name of God. His unlimited power is conferred upon man. The Father gives to his son fullest capacity to act in His name.

When we work in the name of God we do that which is high and noble. Great men have accomplished great things because they have worked with great and noble thoughts in mind. They gave expression to the power of God and, thereby, were powerful factors in the lives of their fellow men.

If you would lay hold of your divine sonship, first rise to that consciousness in which you may know how to work nobly. Then lay hold of your divine sonship and your inner power to carry forward that which you undertake. There is nothing difficult or mysterious about this. In the universal plan, man is given this means of laying hold of his higher forces and rising higher and higher in consciousness and service.

God needs man in order to have full and perfect expression.

"In him ye are made full, who is the head of all principality and power."

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Word for Today: *Exercising my innate divine power, I am master over every situation.*

Dominion, control, mastery, are mine by divine right, and I refuse to believe in failure or discouragement.—*Christian Healing.*

As you become conscious of the power within you, use it. You will find that this method will cause your power to increase.

Learn to master small situations through your consciousness of mastery and power. Depend absolutely upon your consciousness of the indwelling Christ to do this for you.

As you grow in this habit of mastery you will find that no situation is too difficult for you. Man is made to master situations. His dominion is over all things, nothing excepted.

Do not let anything seem capable of taking your sense of mastery from you. Give no external thing power to be your master. God within you is master of all and nothing has power to defeat divine power.

Keep your words and your thoughts clear of all belief in defeat. Never say or admit that anything can master you; to do so is sacrilege. Such an admission is an affront to your spiritual manhood.

Some overcomers follow the plan of choosing something each day that they need to master.

"But as for me, I am full of power by the Spirit of Jehovah."

## GETTING THE PROSPERITY CONSCIOUSNESS



HERE are those metaphysical students who are able to demonstrate prosperity according to law, and those who are not. Some one asks: "What is the difference between these two classes of students?" But one answer can be given: "A difference in consciousness."

Many people read and study metaphysical laws and truths for years but fail to make the individual application. They neglect to see that they themselves are prosperous right here and now. They study Truth but in their daily studies fail to apply the prosperity law. The Truth that they have studied has but penetrated the surface of their intellect and has not become ingrounded in their consciousness. Their knowledge of Truth is like the facts of romance or fable—often beautiful to contemplate but nowise related to things as they exist in the world of everyday affairs.

One should see that prosperity comes by an exact and scientific law. He should understand that it is not limited to a few who are on the inside of the secret but that it can be obtained by any person who, through consciousness, sets the law into operation.

We can see that the person who is out of a position or out of funds is simply out of the prosperity consciousness. To relate himself to prosperity he must get into the consciousness of prosperity. To help him we must help him to rise out of the consciousness

of lack. We must help him to get the prosperity vision and to see himself in the prosperity picture.

The consciousness of prosperity is magnetic. It draws prosperity to it. The person who has something worth while to sell readily finds a buyer; in fact, the buyer seeks him. The employee with rich ideas is always being sought. The employer is willing to pay for these ideas because they are the seeds which will make his own business prosperous.

One out of a position plainly shows that he does not have the thing which the employer needs. Many an employee, if he were to take stock of himself, would discover that he would not employ himself. Employees should train themselves for the purpose of having something which is marketable. By so doing they are simply making themselves in demand; they are building a consciousness of how to do things efficiently, how to produce, how to serve, and how to receive.

Jesus was in demand everywhere. He had something that people wanted, something that they had to have: truth, freedom, health! He had no difficulty in being employed. He had a consciousness of something which marketed itself very readily. Would it not be preposterous to think of any one's not wanting the services of such a man and not wanting to compensate him to the fullest? We may think of Jesus, then, as an ideal employee, the ideal workman. He had something to "sell;" he did his work well; we know that he served to the fullest measure.

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tion. He should not try to deny and to affirm himself into prosperity unless he has something substantial on which to ground his statements. We have some big lessons of service to learn before we can command our substance right out of the ether. Before we enter the consciousness of how to draw coins from the mouth of a fish we pass through the consciousness of giving and receiving. We serve an apprenticeship, as did the Master.

If you have a business which needs more prosperity, give it such a radiation from your prosperity consciousness that every belief in lack will be dispelled. First, get the inner conviction that that business is the finest and noblest thing you can be engaged in at the present time. Get the realization that through it you are going to serve man unselfishly and well. Clear from your consciousness every belief in injustice, dishonesty, hard times, lack, and poverty. Know that no adverse thought can injure or retard your business, that no negative thought can keep prosperity from coming to you through that avenue.

Do not permit yourself to indulge in any idle speculations about lack or poverty. Your business is an external evidence of your consciousness and it responds to your thoughts and feelings. You must keep your thought charged with prosperity if you wish to see your business manifest prosperity.

Through your consciousness you have power to bless your position and your affairs and to make them yield you bountiful prosperity. In fact, this blessing should not be spasmodic, but continuous. One should not condemn his affairs part of the time and try to

bless them only when he is not giving them such destructive thought.

See your business developing and prospering. See it yielding abundant prosperity. Give thanks for every evidence of prosperity. Even before your prosperity appears you can give thanks, knowing that it is coming to you, if you have the prosperity consciousness.

Develop your business through rich ideas. This is one of the avenues through which God mind prospers the individual: It gives the individual substantial ideas with which to work. Many have built up fortunes by setting some useful ideas to work.

The secret of your demonstrating prosperity lies in your ability to think it so vividly that you absolutely cause it to appear. Literally walk out of the mental tatters of poverty and clothe your mind in prosperity ideas. The first thing you know, prosperity will be coming to you from many sources. Your consciousness will have made the adjustment which relates you to the infinite bounty of God.

If we were giving the short-cut to prosperity we should say in two words: "Live it." Know the truth about prosperity so thoroughly that you conform the outer act to the thought. Make yourself such a valuable employee that prosperity must come to you. Make your business so prosperous that all who contact it will sense the prosperity atmosphere. Prosperity always attracts. It brings more prosperity to itself. Every evidence of prosperity causes the consciousness to take a firmer hold and to manifest more of itself.



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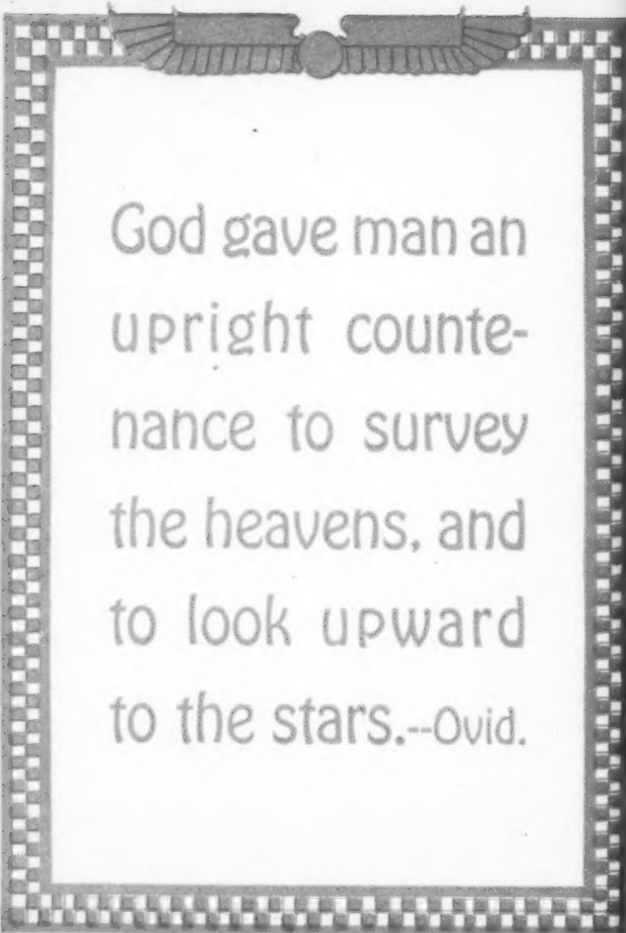
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